

Greetings, I hope you reconsider your decision to air the anti-Kerry show in the weeks before this election. Americans are very concerned about the failures of the Bush administration, beginning with the war against Iraq. We worry for our children and grandchildren as we consider the massive budget deficits, the loss of American credibility, the setback in environmental protection. We are very alarmed to see a president who has such a minimal grasp of national and international issues.

This is what we need to consider in the weeks before the election. May I suggest that you air "Fahrenheit 9/11," which gives us a very clear image of Bush's failed presidency.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of

something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.